

**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
8th November 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

**Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Chris Sillince**

Fr. Roy writes: You know that some state borders have been opened for travellers who do not have the Coronavirus or show symptoms that need testing. There are, however, people who come from certain areas who are excluded because they may be carriers of the virus and may cause others to contract the virus.

What, then, is this saying to the Churches? When I think of this question a number of words come to mind. They include Jesus, love, exclusiveness, inclusiveness. So the list could go on, but let us think about the ones listed here.

First, Jesus for whom Christians have a special belief. He is the Son of God who came among us and who taught of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who suffered a humiliating death on the cross and whom God raised from the dead to be alive with us today. Jesus is not only the Son of God, he is the Way, not just in belief but in the Way of life, for the way we walk, the way we talk, the way we think. This is not a theological thesis on Jesus, but that will do for a start and something on which most of us would agree.

Then, there is love. "Love the Lord your God, with your whole self and your neighbour as yourself". First, there is God's love for the human race, for all people, for God's creation. Included in this is God's love shown in giving us Jesus for the Atonement of our sins, to bring us back to "at-one-ment" with God. Our acceptance of God's love is shown by our love for God, giving our whole self even with sacrifice and suffering and love for our neighbour, and for ourselves.

Now there is exclusiveness. We are the Body of Christ. We are the ones who follow the Way and this makes us exclusive. This is how some people within the Body of Christ think "We are the only ones who are going to Heaven and all the rest will rot in hell". Or as another priest said to me many years ago: "They are going to get a shock, when they discover that there are other Christians in heaven and others who may not be Christians." Where do you stand in this thinking? Is this why you want to evangelise your family, friends and neighbours to ensure their passage to Heaven?

Now for inclusiveness. Again, we are the Body of Christ who follow the Way in belief and living. There are some people who are sure that the love of God is for all people irrespective of age, colour, language, socio-economic standing or race and Jesus was sent by the Father to show God's love in life, suffering, sacrifice and death for all people and who was raised from death to live forever with us in the Kingdom of God. Love is the Word, love is His name that will bring peace, love for all with sacrifice and suffering and goodness and holiness into this troubled world.

Come Holy Spirit, come and touch the lives of your people.

Open our lips, Lord, that our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful.

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Seafarers

Heavenly Father, we commend to you all seafarers.
Guard and protect them in danger and temptation;
sustain them in loneliness;
and support them in sickness and anxiety.

Bless all who minister to them.

Watch over those who are near and dear to them,
and grant them the blessing of your presence.

These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Amos 5.18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 70

1 O God, be pleased to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.

**2 Let them be put to shame and confounded
who seek my life:
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.**

3 Let them turn away for shame:
who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

**4 Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:
let those who love your salvation
say always 'God is great.'**

5 As for me, I am poor and needy:
O God, be swift to save me.

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer:
O Lord, make no delay.**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians Chapter 4, verses 9-18

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:
you do not know when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew Chapter 25, verses 1-13

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went

with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

A Prayer for the Defence Forces

Eternal God, the only source of peace
we pray for all who serve in the defence forces of this land.
Give them courage and comfort in danger,
 patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force.
Help us to seek for all people
 the freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and
 peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,
we pray for those suffering from serious diseases
and for those who are terminally ill,
and those living with the COVID-19 virus.
We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who
care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be
strengthened and comforted.
May their faith not falter as they support each other through
testing times.
We pray for those engaged in research
that by your inspiration and their skill
the scourges of this generation may be overcome.
Help us to live in your way
and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gail Lyndon, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Carolyn Gibbs, Cathy Oaks, Pat Stokes, Jill Ross and Carmen McGee.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Meditation is each Monday at 10.00am at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection:

Letting aloneness grow into solitude and not into loneliness is a lifelong struggle. It requires conscious choices about whom to be with, what to study, how to pray, and when we ask for counsel. But wise choices will help us find the solitude where our hearts can grow in love.

Henri Nouwen

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

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Samaritans

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian fellowship.

Prayer of the Week

Blessed Lord,
you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:
grant that we may so hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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- Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

Today's parable is the second in a series of three about how to live in the context of the coming glorious Son of Man. The parable fits in with marriage practice of the time, as far as we know it. The bridegroom goes to the bride's house to sign the marriage contract with the bride's father and then returns with the bride.

His household would greet him. It was assumed that his meeting would take some time, because the young women had all brought lamps. Those who were unprepared missed out. *Watch and wait* is about living each day as if it is the Day.

- Help us to live each day in the light of Christ's coming Kingdom.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan.

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Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturday open from 10.00am to 1.00pm